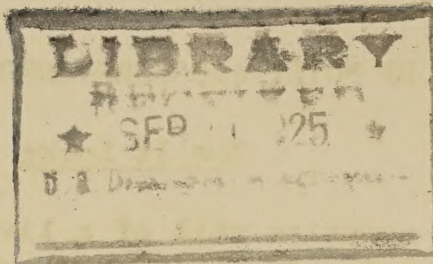


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Extension Service
Office of Exhibits

A Summary of the Exhibit

YOUR HOME IS BUILT AND FURNISHED LARGELY
WITH WOOD

A scenic booth showing the dependence of the average home on forests as a source of supply for a large variety of commodities required for ordinary comforts and conveniences.

Specifications

Floor Space - - - - - 14 ft. 6 in. wide, 8
Wall Space - - - - - None. (ft. deep.
Shipping Weight - - - - - 1090 lbs.
Electrical Requirements - 110 volt A.C. or D.C.
current 600 watts needed for two
lights

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How It Looks

On the opposite wall of a living room between two windows hangs a framed legend, "Your Home is built and furnished largely with Wood. The depletion of our forests affects you and your Children." A glance around the room shows it to be furnished entirely with products of the forest. And yet it is no different from the rooms we have seen in hundreds of comfortable homes.

With our attention drawn to the outdoors by the mention of forests, we note through the windows two sharply contrasted scenes. To the left is a view of a luxuriant production forest. Below the windows we read that "In 1925 we have about 2,000 billion board feet of timber, merchantable size." Through the window on the right we see a monotonous expanse of cut-over land on which nothing has been preserved except the stumps. A legend beneath the window reads "In 1970, at present rate of depletion, our supply will be gone."

The striking feature of this exhibit is not that the furniture, the wall paper and the books on the table come from the forest but that the table cover, the rug and several articles of clothing are made of wood products.

Other legends on the walls and one on an easel present facts pertinent to the question of forest depletion.

What It Tells

The problems raised by the progress of forest depletion are intensely personal. They are public questions only in that they challenge a solution equally from every individual making up the whole. They do not arise as abstract propositions affecting the people indirectly through a long succession of intermediate stages but as concrete, compelling necessities involving directly the individual's comfort and convenience. Take out of your home everything made of wood, and you would find you had taken your home, too. Restore every single article in iron or stone or concrete, but your home would not be restored. Yet this is exactly what the American public

is doing today through forest depletion - moving out the comforts and conveniences which the forest has yielded through many years.

"The depletion of our forests affects you and your children" at home.

"What you can do to help:

Get behind the Forestry movement.

Be careful with fire.

Teach others to be careful.

Put idle forest land to work."

Where to Get Information

Further information may be obtained from the Forest Service. The following publications may be obtained free of charge from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., or from any representative of the Forest Service.

Farmers' Bulletin 1417 - Idle Land and Costly Timber
Dept. Circular 112 - Timber Depletion and the

Answer

Yearbook Separate 886 - Timber: Mine or Crop?

Yearbook Separate 835 - Wood for the Nation

Volume 31, No. 379 - American Forests and Forestry

Report of Senate Committee on Reforestation, 67th
Congress, Jan. 10, 1924

